

# **DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION**

## **BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 104  
PROVIDENCE RI 02908

THURSDAY MARCH 12 2015 AT 8:30AM

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

#### BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donovan, Kevin, DCP

Estner, Stephen, DCP (chair)

Ricci, Robert

Taylor, Natalie

#### BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Marsh, Ronald, DCP

#### STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Simoli, Mike

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Aragao, Frances, DCP

Corsen, Jay, DCP

#### 1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners was held on Thursday March 12, 2015, at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:41am on a motion by Robert Ricci and seconded by Dr. Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. Presentation of the October 2 2014 and November 24 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Robert Ricci and seconded by Dr. Donovan to accept the Open Session minutes of October 2 2014 and November 24 2014. The board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### 3. Board Manager Report

#### a. Staffing

Linda Phillips, the previous board manager, retired from state service 12/19/2014. A replacement is currently being recruited. In the meantime Mike Simoli will act as board manager for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

### 4. New Business

#### a. Dry-Needling

The board discussed whether or not dry-needling should be allowed within the scope of practice for chiropractors in Rhode Island. This is different from acupuncture.

Dr. Donovan will review other states' policies dry-needling.

Dr. Estner will review training programs to see if dry-needling is taught.

Natalie will review guidelines for dry-needling under physical therapy and acupuncture.

When the board has voted on a draft policy, Mike will route to the Director of Health for review and approval.

A motion was made by Dr. Estner to endorse this plan of action and seconded by Natalie Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

### 7. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Robert Ricci and seconded by Dr. Donovan to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:00am. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

### 8. Motion to Return to Open Session

Motion was made by Dr. Donovan and seconded by Dr. Estner at 10:00am to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5, and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

### 9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The board reviewed and approved one (1) license application.

The board reviewed one (1) request for Continuing Education extension.

No complaints were reviewed during this closed session.

### 10. Adjournment

The next Board of Chiropractic Examiners meeting will be held Thursday June 4 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room #104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence RI, 02908. Motion was made by Natalie Taylor and seconded by Dr. Estner to adjourn at 10:30am. Motion carried.